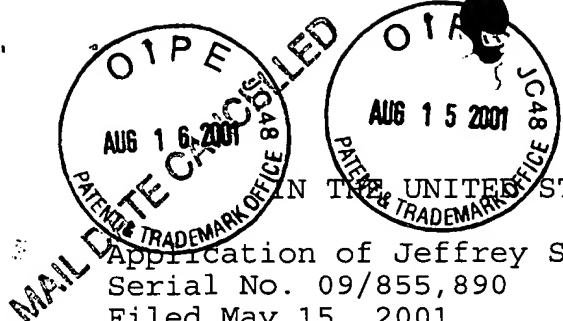


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
SIR:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. Footwear comprising a sole having:

(a) a heel section for supporting a heel of the foot,  
said heel section having medial and lateral regions, at least a  
portion of the lateral region of the heel section having an overall  
thickness corresponding to a full thickness of the sole in said  
portion of the lateral region of the heel section and providing a  
first compressive resilience for attenuating the shock of impact to  
the wearer during running and walking;

(b) an arch section forward of the heel section for  
supporting an arch of the foot, said arch section having medial and  
lateral regions, and at least a portion of the medial region of the  
arch section having an overall thickness corresponding to a full  
thickness of the sole in said portion of the medial region of the  
arch section and providing a second compressive resilience harder  
than said first compressive resilience for providing firm support  
for the foot during running and walking; and

(c) a forefoot section forward of the arch section for  
supporting a ball of the foot including first, second, third,  
fourth and fifth metatarsal heads and associated metatarsal necks,  
proximal phalanges and metatarsal phalangeal joints, said forefoot

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